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SUBJECT: JAMAICA - THE HUNGARIAN CONNECTION

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1. AS A POSTSCRIPT TO REFTEL I PASS ALONG THE FOLLOWING
UNSOLITICTED PIECE OF INFORMATION FROM ISRAELI AMBASSADOR
GIDEON SAGUY: PRECEDING F. M. THOMPSON'S VISIT TO
BUDAPEST, THE GOJ ASKED THE CUBANS TO ASK THE SOVIETS TO
TELL THE HUNGARIANS THAT THEY WANTED THE RED CARPET
AID OUT FOR THOMPSON AND HIGHEST LEVEL CONSIDERATION
GIVEN TO HIS MISSION

2. COMMENT" TINKERS TO EVERS TO CHANCE" DIPLOMACY
IS SOMEWHAT UNIQUE, YET, I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN SAGUY'S
TIDBIT. THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT
SAGUY'S JAMAICAN SOURCE IS MEYER MATALON, WITH WHOM
HE ENJOYS THE CLOSEST OF RELATIONS. THE MATALON
FAMLUY ACTED AS HONORARY CONSUL FOR ISRAEL UNTIL THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESIDENT MISSION, AND SAGUY IS USING
MATLALON FAMILY OFFICE SPACE FOR HIS EMBASSY UNTIL HE
CAN ESTABLISH IT IN "PERMANENT" QUARTERS

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3. MEYER MATALON WAS A GOJ EMISSARY TO HUNGARY LAST YEAR

TO ARRANGE THE SALE OF JAMAICAN BAUXITE/ALUMINA TO
HUNGARY. WHETHER HE SUCCEEDED OR NOT IN HIS MISSION IS
UNKNOWN TO THE EMBASSY BUT HIS HUNGARIAN CONTACT

CREDENTIALS ARE ESTABLISHED. WHAT WE DO KNOW FOR CERTAIN
IS THAT JAMAICA WOULD LIKE TO SELL BAUXITE/ALUMINA TO
HUNGARY AND IS, AT LEAST TOYING WITH THE IDEA OF
IMPORTING HUNGARIAN TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PROCESSING OF
LOW GRADE BAUXITE ORES.

4. WHAT I FIND VERY INTERESTING IS THE GOJ'S CHANNEL OF
COMMUNICATION THROUGHT THE SOVIETS TO THE HUNGARIANS.
THE CUBANS CLEARLY WERE RECOGNIZED AND USED AS SOVIET
SURROGATES. SHOULD SOVIET ASSISTANCE FOR A FALTERING
JAMAICAN ECONOMY EVER BE FORTHCOMING I WOULD NOT BE
SURPRISED TO SEE THE SAME SURROGATE SYSTEM USED AGAIN
AND THE AID BE CHanneled THROUGHT THE HUNGARIANS. GERARD

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